

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the recognition of patentable subject matter in the present application.

Applicant hereby amends claim 1 according to Examiner's suggestions and believes the application is in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 1, row 19, has been amended to reflect "comparing the received consumable identifier with at least one of the stored identifiers." As a result, claim 1 does not recite both a broad limitation and a narrow limitation in the same claim and does not use a narrow numerical range that falls within a broader range in the same claim. Applicants respectfully submit that the boundaries of claim 1 are discernible and are not confusing. As a result, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, be withdrawn and submit that claim 1 is allowable in consideration of the amendment. Allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested in the next Action.

The claims which depend from claim 1 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the previously cited art.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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